

REMARKS

Claim 41 is currently canceled and claims 1-21, 25, 32, 35 and 40 have been previously canceled. No claims have been amended or added by way of this response. Thus, claims 22-24, 26-31, 33-34, 36-39 and 42-45 are currently pending and presented for examination. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claim 41 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as being obvious over Bruce et al. (6,686,060) in view of Mansky et al. (6,668,230), Yokoyama et al. (5,831,299), Stanley et al. (3,733,877) and Ogawa (4,794,797) Applicants has canceled claim 41 leaving claims 22-24, 26-31, 33, 34, 36-39 and 42-45 which the Examiner indicated are allowed.

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections set forth in the outstanding Office Action are inapplicable to the present claims. Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this paper. The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper, including fees for additional claims and terminal disclaimer fee, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

Respectfully submitted,

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